

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. An isolated infectious chimeric respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) comprising a major nucleocapsid (N) protein, a nucleocapsid phosphoprotein (P), a large polymerase protein (L), a M2 (ORF1) RNA polymerase elongation factor, and a partial or complete RSV genome or antigenome of one human RSV strain or subgroup virus combined with a heterologous gene or gene segment of a different human RSV strain or subgroup virus to form a chimeric RSV genome or antigenome.